

## A SERMON ON "BUSINESS."

But in spite of the wobbly-wob-ness of Ford's paper on the Jewish question, I am glad to say that it does hit the nail on the head sometimes. For instance, here is an extract that succeeds in getting more hard, solid truth into fewer words than I ever saw done before. Read:

Business is not the reason these United States were founded. Neither is government the reason. The Declaration of Independence is not a business charter, nor is the Constitution of the United States a business schedule. The United States is land and people, and government and business are but methods by which the life of the people on the land is made worth while.

They are servants only, never were any thing but servants, and never caused anything but trouble when they forgot for a time that they were servants. The moment the people become adjuncts to business, or to government, that moment the law of retribution begins to work, for such a relation is unnatural, immoral, inhuman—wrong in every way.

It ought to be fundamental that you will never find what is good for business or government until you find what is good for the people; and it is equally fundamental that what appears to be good for business or government is not to be trusted at all until it has been tested by the principle of the people's good. We are always treating business—doctoring it, inventing laws which we think will protect or stimulate it. Go to the big conventions—business is regarded as a separate entity, a thing in itself, a separate empire; without a thought of the real fundamental entity, the people, and that encompassing empire, the people's good.

All the business that there ever was is right here now, in the people.

Business is nothing more nor less than the supply of the people's needs.

The need of the people to eat every day, to be clothed and sheltered, is the basic guarantee of business. If the people should dispense with these needs, there would be no business. Whenever a fool policy interferes with the people's ability to supply these needs in an honorable, orderly way, business slumps.

There is always enough supply—Nature and Nature's God saw to that long ago; there is always enough demand—the recurring needs of human life provide for that; the kink is somewhere in

between, in the realm which we call "commerce," and centers around a human invention called "money."

## Automobiles in the Bible.

Say, honey, did you know the Bible talks about automobiles? Well, it does, anyhow. Just get your Bible and turn to the second chapter of Nahum and read, beginning at the third verse:

"The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation."

And the fourth verse:

"The chariots shall rage in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings."

There is your gasoline-buggy with its head-lights gleaming as it goes dashing along at night. How do you reckon old man Nahum knew so well how it would look? Don't tell me that was guess work. The man who wrote that had some way of KNOWING what would be in these last days, and his description fits the automobile just to a gnat's heel, and it couldn't fit anything else. Search all down through the ages and you will not find any "chariot" that such a description can be applied to till you come to the modern automobile, and there you have it.

"The chariots shall rage in the streets." Notice that word RAGE. Then look at any city today and you will admit that RAGE is the right word: They actually do RAGE in the streets like mad things. And they often do jostle one against another in the broad ways, causing accidents and deaths. "They shall seem like torches." Just watch them at night if you don't believe it. "They shall run like lightning." And they sure do.

And yet some Smart Elecks are fools enough to try to claim that the Bible prophets didn't know anything.

Why did the prophet use the figure of a woman in travail to describe the suffering of the Great Tribulation that is now upon us? Couldn't he have thought of some other form of suffering? Yes, but the idea he wanted to bring out was that the Great Tribulation would come in recurring spasms, one after another, with little spells of comparative quiet in between. That exactly fits the conditions today—a war, then a little slack-up, and then more war, but all the time a sick world, full of trouble and unrest.

You can't change a truth by calling it a lie.

## The Mailing System

Joaquin, Tex.,  
May 14, 1921.

The Fool-Killer,  
Boomer, N. C.

Dear Fool-Killer:

Enclosed find one dollar for which send twelve shots of your dope to each of the accompanying names. Why don't you arrange some way to notify a fellow when his time is about to expire? We have missed one issue by not knowing exactly when our paper expired.

S. S. McCrary.

Hundreds of people have asked me that same question, and of course it is hard for outsiders to understand all the difficulties that come up in handling a mailing list. There are some mailing systems that provide for putting the expiration date on the label, but these systems are very expensive and I have not been able to install one yet. The mailing system that I use is comparatively cheap, but it is not satisfactory because it provides no way of giving expiration dates. There is just one way for me to get a better mailing system, and that is for all you folks to rush in a big stream of subs and make me ABLE to get a better system. You do your part and the rest will come easy.

## My Job and Your Job.

I get all sorts of advice about running The Fool-Killer. Some people tell me to cut out all the politics, while others insist that I cut out the prophetic and theological talk.

But I cannot do either.

If people would only look at it right they would see that all the things I talk about are so interlocked and so closely related that there is no way to separate them.

The fulfillment of prophecy as it relates to the nations must come about through the natural operation of human agencies, working through government and society. The misunderstanding of the one leads to the misapplication of the other, and you've got to pull both strings at the same time if you want to get the kinks out.

Other people know more than I do about some things, but I probably know more about how to run The Fool-Killer than anybody else in the world. I invented the thing and have been rasselling with it for nearly twelve years. I ought to know. So if you folks will furnish the chink I'll furnish the chat. Now all together!

What do you think about it this time, Uncle Jerry?

## She Don't Know Where She's At

Mrs. J. C. Coons, of Seffner, Fla., seems to be on both sides of the soul question. She writes me a letter in which she argues FOR the immortality of the soul, and then she encloses a lot of tracts that argue right the other way. In her letter she says:

"You apparently do not believe in the immortality of the soul. Are there not more texts for than against immortality?"

Why, madam, you surely must be joking. You cannot really believe that there are more texts for than against immortality. As a matter of fact, there is only one text in the Bible that favors the immortality of the soul, and the devil is the author of that one. You will find it in Genesis 3:4. It was the devil who said to the woman, "Thou shalt not surely die." And upon that lie of the devil the whole orthodox theory is built.

But on the other hand, there are hundreds of texts to prove that the soul is NOT immortal. In fact you don't have to pick out texts. The whole connected Bible teaching is that the wages of sin is DEATH—the soul that sinneth it shall DIE.

And if a soul can DIE, isn't that all the proof we need that it is not immortal?

## Letters Classified as Advertising.

The Fool-Killer has always had a habit of printing a column or so of letters that come in with subscriptions. It was my desire to give the readers of the paper a little space in which to express themselves and get acquainted with each other. But the Burlesonized postoffice department got busy and issued a ruling that these letters were "advertising," and I was required to pay a higher rate of postage because of them. So the only possible course was to cut them out. Other papers are allowed to print letters from their readers, but The Fool-Killer is not. This is another sample of the "freedom" and "equality" that we have in this country. Let us hope that the new P. M. General will soon get around to all these Burleson blunders and correct them.

"Anglo Jap Treaty May End All Promise of Disarmament," says a head-line. Aw, your big toe! There never was any promise of it nohow—not from the source you have been looking to. Disarmament, whenever it does come, will come from a different source.